



**1111th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
7:30PM Wednesday November 26, 2008
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

**The Franklin Hoard of 1853 U.S.
Assay Office \$20 Gold Proofs**

Elliot Wehner

Turkey Coins!

Everyone

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Please join us Wednesday, November 26, 2008 to hear Elliot Wehner give us a short presentation about the controversial tale of USAOC \$20 gold proofs based on his recent research published in *The Brasher*, the journal of the Society for Private and Pioneer Numismatics. Also, as is our Thanksgiving tradition, members should bring "Turkey Coins". You are free to interpret that any way you wish.

1110th meeting, Medallic Portraits-A Visit to the British Museum Exhibit of 1893: An illustrated presentation

Steve Huston (reported by *Herb Miles*) Steve's presentation using wonderful pictures of beautiful portrait medals brought the Renaissance period to life. He showed off only a portion of the medals exhibited in London (I believe) in the last part of the 1800's.

The Medicis and other famous (at the time) personages whose names and accomplishments are lost to history were portrayed in high relief medallic art. Naturally, it is difficult to summarize such a presentation as the story is that of the exhibition and the artistic representations exhibited. Needless to say, you should have been there!

October 2008 Exhibits

Federico brought brought a "Vale" or an "IOU" used to pay soldiers who fought against William Walker, some envelopes from Costa Rica, one from Montealegre who left Costa Rica in 1858 and who set up business in SF.

Scott, who always brings some magnificent slabbed pieces, brought 3 Latin American pieces, a ¼ real from 1850 Columbia, an 1826 Mexican 1 Real, a 1771 Peruvian 2 Reales, and a 1928 Belgian Congo 50 Centimes!

Gordon exhibited a Charles Lindbergh commemorative tour medal and a 1921 Morgan Dollar made into a cigarette lighter!

Herb brought some 1950's Hawaiian checks.

Whalen showed off two 1955 Proof Sets, one a "flat pack" and another of the original individually packaged sets.

Steve brought a medallion or two to illustrate his talk and an Italian Renaissance gold piece!

2009 Papers contest

Articles are solicited for the next PCNS papers contest. The due date will be the April 2009 meeting. Authors are reminded that all illustrations and photos must have the permission to be used for publication. Also note that many images available on the internet are not in the public domain nor of high enough resolution to be suitable for the quality of publication that we envision. Full contest rules will be available on the PCNS website, www.pcns.org.

The 2007/8 publication is now in the works!

New Member

Please welcome *John C. Freeman* as a new member to the Society.

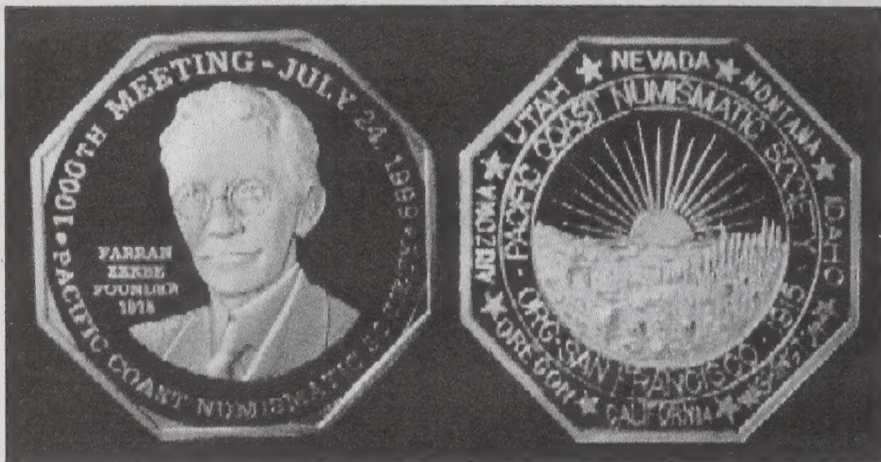
December Meeting

Please note that our annual Holiday Potluck will be held at Ft Mason, Building C on Wednesday December 16. It is a lot of fun and is delicious! Be there!



United States Assay Office \$20 Proof from the Franklin Hoard in the Bank of California collection. (photo by *M. Wehner*)

Available from the PCNS:



PCNS 1000th meeting medals. The set includes both a proof silver and an antiqued bronze specimen and is only \$30 plus postage and insurance. A reminder of the Society's long and venerable history.

The Old Streets of San Francisco, Early Street Names on Some Brass Tokens by

Jerry F. Schimmel. Published by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1993. 41 pages including many pictures. A must have reference for those interested in western trade tokens or San Francisco history. \$10 plus postage